



## ***AWARD OF EXCELLENCE***

*to recognize outstanding contributions by an individual who has been instrumental in improving library services to adults*

### **Examples of Service (nomination may include other forms of service)**

- Providing or improving technical services, outreach services, support services, facilities, or library education to an underserved area or population
- Providing access to information not previously available
- Providing service beyond own institution (i.e. impact or benefit to other libraries, benefit to local community, model for other libraries of similar size)
- Overcoming limitations of resources (staff, time, funds, space)
- Promoting library services through exemplary performance that is recognized by the public served
- Delivering improved library and information services through creative application of technology
- Improving public understanding of library and information services
- Creating original work (regardless of the medium used) which contributes to the improvement of library and information services

### **Criteria for Recipient**

- Currently employed in a New Hampshire library
- Nominee may be a librarian or library support staff member
- Nominee may work in a particular library department or perform a variety of duties
- Nominee may work in an academic, public, school media center, hospital, correctional, corporate or other special library or information center setting
- Nomination shall describe nominee's professional performance as a NH library employee
- Individuals may only receive the award once
- Current READS Board members are not eligible

### **Number and Frequency of Award**

Only one award shall be presented annually. No award shall be given if applicants do not meet the award criteria.

### **Deadline for Nomination of Candidates**

The deadline for nomination shall be August 1st of the current year.

### **Presentation of the Award**

The READS Award Selection Committee shall review the candidates and select a winner prior to the READS annual Fall Program. Announcement shall be made at that program. The recipient shall receive a free NHLA/READS membership for the following year. If the recipient is already a member, READS will pay for a membership renewal.

### **Nomination Procedure**

Please submit one copy of the Nomination Form (available at <http://www.nhlibrarians.org/reads/READSAward.NominationForm.09.pdf>) describing what this individual has done to meet the criteria for the award to the following address:

**READS  
c/o Local Government Center  
PO Box 617  
Concord, NH 03302-0617**

The completed Nomination Form must be postmarked by August 1st of the current year to be considered for the award.

***For more information about the READS Award of Excellence, please visit  
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